

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 are objected to, and claims 3-7 and 10-14 are rejected. The drawings are objected to.

Drawings

Figs. 1-4, 5A, 5B, 6 and 10A are objected to because they illustrate only that which is old but they do not include a legend such as "Prior Art."

In response, Applicants amend the figures by adding the legend "Prior Art" to Figs. 1-4, 5A, 5B, 6 and 10A, and they request reconsideration.

Replacement formal drawings are enclosed that incorporate these amendments.

Claims

Claims 1-14 are objected to for specified informalities, and claims 3-7 and 10-14 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph for reasons listed in the Office Action that are not repeated here.

In response, Applicants amend claims 1-14 as shown above and request reconsideration.

Inasmuch as the Office Action indicates claims 1-14 recite subject matter that is allowable over known prior art, Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants amend the drawings and claims as discussed above and request reconsideration.

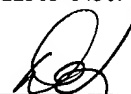
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Enc. Replacement Drawings for Figs. 1-4, 5A, 5B, 6 and 10A